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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: PREPARATIONS FOR SPECIAL
CONSULTATIVE MEETING

REFERENCE: CANBERRA 1028

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES FULL AND PROMPT REPORT ON
FEBRUARY 9 PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE SPECIAL CONSULTA-
TIVE MEETING. EMBASSY REP'S HANDLING OF AGENDA QUESTION
AS REPORTED IN PARA 5 AND 6 REFTEL WAS FINE.

2. DEPARTMENT IS SHIFTING TO VIEW THAT AN OPENING STATEMENT
BY THE US HEAD OF DELEGATION COULD SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE,
AND THEREFORE EXPECTS TO MAKE ONE UNLESS ALL OTHERS PLAN TO
REFRAIN. AT NEXT PREPARATORY MEETING, THEREFORE, EMBASSY
REP SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE WISH TO RESERVE THAT OPTION.
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THUS WE CAN AGREE WITH MC KEOWN'S FORMULATION (PARA 7
REFTEL) UNDER WHICH ANY HEAD OF DEL COULD MAKE STATEMENT
WITH RIGHT OF ALL TO DO SO.

3. AS TO THE AUSTRALIAN SUMMARY OF AUSTRALIAN-U.S.
DISCUSSION ON ANTARCTICA, DEPARTMENT GENERALLY CONCURS
IN SECTION ON QUOTE BRIEFING THE PRESS UNQUOTE AT THE

SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING BUT SUGGEST FOLLOWING MINOR CHANGES IN THAT SECTION WHICH MAKE TEXT MORE CLOSELY CONFORM WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED BY AMBASSADOR BREWSTER DURING DISCUSSIONS:

A. SECOND SENTENCE - INSERT WORDS QUOTE DOMESTIC AND END QUOTE BETWEEN QUOTE OF END QUOTE AND QUOTE INTERNATIONAL END QUOTE;

B. FOURTH SENTENCE - AMEND TO READ QUOTE FOR HIS PART, AS HEAD OF U.S. DELEGATION, HE WOULD WANT DISCRETION TO CHARACTERIZE U.S. VIEWS TO PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WHO INQUIRED ABOUT THEM.END QUOTE

WITH FOREGOING CHANGES, DEPARTMENT FULLY AGREES WITH EXPRESSION BY ROWLAND AT CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF THIS CONCEPT FOR DEALING WITH PRESS.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO POUCH COPY OF FULL AUSTRALIAN SUMMARY OF AUSTRALIAN RECORD OF DISCUSSION.

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